

## OPINION 1397

*RHOPALOCERUS* W. REDTENBACHER, 1842 (INSECTA,  
COLEOPTERA, COLYDIDAE): CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers the generic names *Spartycerus* Motschulsky, 1837 and *Apeistus* Motschulsky, 1840, are hereby suppressed for the purpose of the Principle of Priority but not for that of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Rhopalocerus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842 (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Rhopalocerus setosus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *rondanii* A. Villa & J. B. Villa, 1833, as published in the binomen *Monotoma rondanii* (considered the valid name at the time of this ruling for the type species of *Rhopalocerus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name RHOPALOCERINI Reitter, 1911 (type genus *Rhopalocerus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology.

(5) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic names in Zoology:

(a) *Spartycerus* Motschulsky, 1837, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above;

(b) *Apeistus* Motschulsky, 1840, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above;

(c) *Apistus* Agassiz, 1846, a junior homonym of *Apistus* Cuvier in Cuvier & Valenciennes, 1829.

(6) The name APISTINI Ganglbauer, 1899 (invalid because based on a junior homonym) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2456

An application for the conservation of *Rhopalocerus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842 was first received from Dr M. Mroczkowski (*Institute of Zoology, Warsaw, Poland*) on 18 October 1983. A revised version was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 41, pp. 116–118 (June 1984). Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same issue of the *Bulletin* as well as to ten general and eleven specialist serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 17 January 1986 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1986)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 41, pp. 117–118. At the close of the voting period on 17 April 1986 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Savage, Willink, Starobogatov, Alvarado, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Kabata, Trjapitzin, Schuster, Uéno, Lehtinen, Ride, Halvorsen, Heppell, Bayer, Dupuis, Bernardi, Cogger

Negative Votes — One (1) Thompson.

No votes were returned by Corliss, Gruchy and Kraus.

### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Apeistus* Motschulsky, 1840, *Bull. Soc. imp. Nat. Moscou*, p. 186

*Apistus* Agassiz, 1846, *Nomenclatoris zoologici index universalis*, p. 29

APISTINI Ganglbauer, 1899, *Die Käfer von Mitteleuropa*, p. 873

RHOPALOCERINI Reitter, 1911, *Fauna Germanica. Die Käfer des deutschen Reiches*, vol. 3, p. 108

*Rhopalocerus* W. Redtenbacher, 1842, *Die Gattungen der deutschen Käfer-Fauna*, p. 21

*rondanii*, *Monotoma*, A. Villa & J. B. Villa, 1833, *Coleoptera Europae dupleta*, p. 36

*Spartycerus* Motschulsky, 1837, *Bull. Soc. imp. Nat. Moscou*, (5), p. 100.

### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1986)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1397.

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